

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-17
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued March 7, 2001)

On February 28, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), and Sprint Communications Company, L.P (Sprint), filed a fifth amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement that establishes a new service of Sprint. The new service is Dial IP and the service will carry only one-way internet-bound data traffic. The amendment also contains a waiver of 911 and E911 liability for Qwest. The Utilities Board (Board), on October 6, 1997, approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

The parties to the negotiation or any interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments filed on or before March 30, 2001. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any

comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment within 90 days of the submission or the agreement or amendment will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review Amendment No. 5 to the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on February 28, 2001, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-97-17.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the amended agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before March 30, 2001.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of March, 2001.